

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ALI AKBAR MEFTAH,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC GAUDIOSI, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00790-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
December 6, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to continue the stay these proceedings through January 9, 2025. Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to readjudicate Plaintiff's son's immigrant visa application. This case is currently stayed through December 10, 2024. Dkt. No. 8, Order. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold this case in abeyance through January 9, 2025.

Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. Plaintiff’s son’s visa application is currently refused under INA § 221(g), 8 U.S.C.1201(g) for administrative processing. The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi recently requested that Plaintiff’s son submit further information. Additional time is needed to allow for this information to be submitted and then for the Embassy to review and process this information, which may lead to re-adjudication.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action continue to be stayed until January 9, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before January 9, 2025..

DATED this 6th day of December, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that this memorandum contains 270 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.

~~{PROPOSED}~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until January 9, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before January 9, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2024.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge